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Assistant Director for Operations

4 March 1953

Acting Chief, FBID

Progress Report for February 1953.

ADMINISTRATION

1. Plans and specifications for the new West Coast Bureau monitoring station near Santa Rosa, California are 98% complete. It is anticipated that they will be available to bidders on 9 April and that construction contracts may be awarded 15 June 1953.
2. In the interests of simplicity and efficiency in preparation of plans, it was decided that the new monitoring station at Sobe, Okinawa would conform in general to the Santa Rosa design. Preliminary Santa Rosa floor plans have been transmitted to the Okinawa Bureau, to be followed shortly by full plans and specifications, which will be modified by the Okinawa District Engineer where necessary to suit local conditions.
3. A representative of Real Estate and Construction Division is negotiating five-year leases of housing in Cyprus for Mediterranean Bureau personnel. Preliminary reports indicate that progress is being made. The DD/A authorized payment of six months rent in advance, which should serve as an inducement to prospective lessors.
4. Following a review of FBID functions and organizational structure, the Organization and Methods Service, Office of Comptroller, suggested that a survey be made to determine whether more efficient operation and economy could be attained by (a) consolidation into one section all report-typing functions and (b) transferring the teletype function from the Editorial Branch to a Staff Unit. FBID has advised Organization and Methods Service that such a survey will be welcomed. It will be conducted in early March.
5. The East Coast Bureau Table of Organization was increased by one custodial position. This relieves higher grade classified personnel from night security duty.
6. A reevaluation and review of the FBID budgets for the remainder of FY 1953 and for FY 1954 was completed and submitted to the Assistant Director for Operations.

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7. The Chief and Administrative Officer, FBID, departed on 24 and 19 February, respectively, on an inspection trip to the West Coast and all overseas field bureaus.

OPERATIONS

8. The study of data collected by the Pakistan Survey Mission was completed on 14 February. An analysis of more than 1100 items in the recorded sample from Central Asiatic USSR indicated that the useful material was principally economic, with emphasis on agriculture, and that much of it came from sources which could have been exploited by the Mediterranean and Hokkaido Bureaus, though for a shorter period, had they been operating at their fullest potential. In view of the cost and difficulties involved in establishing a monitoring station in West Pakistan, plus the fairly well substantiated probability that diminishing returns would reduce the margin of usefulness represented by the sample, it was recommended that consideration of the new operation be dropped in favor of developing existing facilities to the capacity of their potential. Copies of the Pakistan Report have been furnished to OO for circulation to the principal IAC consumers for their concurrence or dissent with the recommendation.

9. The field station at St. Petersburg, Florida, was closed following the death of its sole employee, [redacted] on 22 February. This station monitored all Latin American and African stations for frequency, transmission and schedule data, enabling FBID to confine its regular coverage to the most significant broadcasts without losing track of changing developments among the multitude of other stations of these areas. The station also supplemented regular FBID field bureau cruising in other areas, and was useful in resolving conflicts arising from reports from other sources. Although there is little prospect of finding personnel to continue [redacted] function at an early date in this country, a proposal is being formulated whereby it is hoped to procure similar services from a consultant in Brazil.

10. The Chief, Tokyo Bureau, made a survey in Seoul, Korea, of sites from which other North Korean stations could be heard if the Pyongyang transmitter were forced off the air. The recommended first choice for an operating site is the compound at [redacted] 1st RB and L Group, PsyWar, AFPE, who offer operating space, power, billets, and mess facilities if required.

11. The program of the Mediterranean Bureau to monitor Central Asian USSR in its vernacular languages has resulted in the inauguration of regular coverage in the Uzbek and Turkmen languages.

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12. Special Reports Branch representatives attended three National Estimates Board meetings, discussing terms of reference in preparation for submitting contributions to estimates. A brief characterization of Soviet radio propaganda in South Asia was submitted as a contribution to NIE 79, and a comparatively thorough study of propaganda indications of Communist capabilities and intentions in Korea was contributed to NIE 55/2.

13. Reactions to President Eisenhower's State of the Union message were summarized for the White House as the final Report to the President to be prepared by Special Reports Branch. This responsibility is now transferred to the Editorial Branch.

14. Departmental responsibility for the Counterpsychological Warfare Reports prepared in London and on Okinawa was transferred to Special Reports Branch. No further guidance in the preparation of these reports has yet been received from their principal users as a result of PP memorandum of 27 December 1952 and a specific FBID written request of 19 January 1953.

15. Annual reports of field bureau observations on program characteristics of Soviet regional transmitters were consolidated in an

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16. Two additional studies of circumstances surrounding the new vigilance campaign in the Soviet Orbit were issued as supplements to the SURVEY OF USSR BROADCASTS under the titles, "Indications of Popular Disaffection in Czechoslovakia" and "The Jewish Question in Soviet and Satellite Propaganda."

17. Reports to the U. S. United Nations delegation on foreign reaction to issues before the General Assembly were resumed.

18. The Okinawa Bureau was encouraged and has been rendered guidance in the institution of continuing systematic analysis of Pyongyang broadcasts and the production of a typescript "Trends and Highlights" covering its observations. It is not proposed to publish these studies but to use them in other Branch publications and to hold them in reserve against the possible need for special concentration on Pyongyang propaganda.

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20. With the initiation of coverage of "Radio Volga" broadcasts to the Soviet armed forces in Germany at the FBID German Bureau, the terms of reference have been formulated and arrangements made for analytic exploitation of this special segment of Soviet broadcasting.

21. A study of individual Soviet writers and commentators whose material is used by Radio Moscow has been initiated with a view to providing a basis for better evaluation of the significance of individual signed commentaries.

22. Special Reports Branch files of intelligence information and other materials bearing on propaganda analysis concerning individual topics, events, and areas have been reorganized and consolidated to provide quicker reference when long-range studies are undertaken.

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3 Enclosures

Daily Averages of Field Bureau Production
Local Services Rendered by Field Bureaus
FBID Monthly Personnel Report

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Distribution:

Orig. & 1 - Addressee
✓ 1 - Admin. File
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I. Daily Averages of Field Bureau Production February 1953
Averages computed on basis of 5-day week.

<u>FIELD BUREAU</u>	<u>HOURS MONITORED</u>	<u>WORDAGE FILED</u>	<u>ITEMS FILED</u>	<u>ITEMS PUBLISHED</u>
Tokyo	26	7,300	31	23
Hokkaido	8	3,500	25	4
Okinawa	80	30,490	154	69
Saigon	14 1/2	4,200*	19	9
West Coast	88	28,000	155	90
East Coast	32 1/4	35,000	174	81
London	293	48,400	148	75
German	5 3/4	6,300*	49	46
Austrian	6 1/2	8,200*	31	20
Mediterranean	65	44,600	267	102
TOTALS	<u>619</u>	<u>215,990</u>	<u>1,053</u>	<u>519</u>

*Includes press scrutiny

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II. Local Services Rendered by Field Bureaus

London Bureau

Daily reviews of USSR, Satellite and German broadcasts are delivered to local users in London and sent by wire to consumers in Western Europe; including American Embassy offices in London; Paris and the Hague; [redacted] G-2 EUCOM; G-2 Frankfurt; HICOG, Frankfurt; North Atlantic Treaty Organization; and SHAPE. A 20,000-word selection from Soviet and Satellite broadcasts monitored at London and the Mediterranean Bureau is transmitted daily by wire from London to the Munich studios of Voice of America.

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German Bureau

All processed material is filed to HICOG in Bonn and Frankfurt and to the 7997th Composite Group, Frankfurt Military Post.

Austrian Bureau

All processed material is filed to Public Affairs Division, USCOA, Salzburg. From this office it is distributed to G-2, USFA, and the U. S. Consulate in Salzburg. The complete file is also relayed to the Public Information Division, Headquarters, USAF, Salzburg. The Daily Press Review is supplied to the Political Division, U. S. Embassy, Vienna, and the monthly Economic Report to the Reports and Statistical Branch, U. S. Special Mission for Economic Cooperation, Vienna.

Mediterranean Bureau

Soviet Kurdish-language intercepts are air mailed to the American Embassies in Baghdad and Teheran. Summaries of Soviet Kurdish-language broadcasts and processed Arabic material from Iraq, Jordan, Egypt, and Syria are sent to the American Embassy, Baghdad. Selected Balkan material is air mailed to the American Embassy in Athens. Processed items relating to Cyprus are sent to the Colonial Secretary in Nicosia. Monitored summaries and processed material from all Soviet regional stations adjacent to Pakistan are air mailed to the American Embassy, Karachi.

Okinawa Bureau

All processed intercepts are filed to Tokyo for FEC staff sections. Peking material dealing with FEAF aerial action and POW's, and Pyongyang POW broadcast material is transmitted to the Intelligence Section, FEAF.

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All Korean material is filed to the U. S. Embassy, Pusan. Selected Korean intercepts are sent to G-2, Eighth Army. Weekly analyses of Chinese Communist international and regional broadcasts are filed to FEC Tokyo. Logs of Vietnam News Agency (No Government) and G4H (unidentified Communist station) items, and all Cao Dai National Resistance Front material are transmitted to FBIS, Saigon, for local dissemination. Selected Pyongyang, Peking and Vietnam material is transmitted to G-2, Ryukyus Command. The World Health Organization Epidemiological Bulletin is transmitted weekly to FEAF, Tokyo.

Saigon Bureau

All processed material is filed to FEC Tokyo and furnished the American Embassies in Saigon and Phnom Penh, USIS Saigon, and the Army Attache in Saigon. Selected material is furnished the Mutual Security Agency Information Division and the Military Assistance Advisory Group in Saigon.

Tokyo Bureau

All processed intercepts are sent to staff sections of FEC. All Japanese and Mongolian material from Peking, and Korean and Mandarin material from Moscow is furnished Far East Air Force. Korean material is filed to the Eighth Army and the American Embassy in Pusan. Selected Chinese International Service material is filed to USIS Formosa. All material monitored in Japanese is furnished the American Embassy in Tokyo. Selected material is furnished Civil Information and Education Section, U. S. Civil Administration, Ryukyus.

Hokkaido Bureau

All processed intercepts are furnished Headquarters FEC and FEAF in Tokyo, and G-2 1st Cavalry Division, Camp Crawford. Weather reports from USSR regional coverage are furnished Field Research Unit, FEC.

West Coast

Selected material is filed to FEC and FEAF, Tokyo. The entire PANASIA file intercepted at the West Coast Bureau is teletyped to FEAF, Tokyo.

East Coast

Daily distribution of an epidemiological bulletin of the World Health Organization is made to OSI.

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FBID MONTHLY PERSONNEL REPORT

February, 1953

1. New Employees Entering on Duty:

<u>Name, Title, Grade</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	
	West Coast Bureau	19 February 1953	50X1
	Office of the Chief	9 February 1953	

2. Separations:

<u>Name, Title, Grade</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	
	Editorial Branch	Resignation	20 February 1953	50X1
	West Coast Bureau	Resignation	10 February 1953	
	East Coast Bureau	Death	22 February 1953	

3. Promotions:

<u>Name, Assignment</u>	<u>Old Grade, Title</u>	<u>New Grade, Title</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	
	Tele. Typwr Opr, GS-5	Tele. Typwr Opr, GS-6	18 February 1953	50X1
	Multi-Monitor, GS-9	Multi-Monitor, GS-10	1 February 1953	

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3. Promotions (cont'd)

Name, Assignment

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Old Grade, Title

New Grade, Title

Effective Date

Tele. Typwr Opr,
GS-4

Tele. Typwr Opr,
GS-5

18 January 1953

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Tele. Typwr Opr,
GS-5

Tele. Typwr Opr,
GS-6

18 January 1953

Clerk (Typing),
GS-4

Clerk (Typing)
GS-5

1 February 1953

Info Spec (Fgn Brdcast),
GS-7

Info Spec (Fgn Brdcast),
GS-9

15 February 1953

Monitor,
GS-7

Monitor,
GS-8

15 February 1953

Elec Eng,
GS-11

Elec Eng,
GS-12

15 February 1953

4. Reassignments:

Name

[Redacted]

Old Grade, Title,
Assignment

New Grade, Title,
Assignment

Effective Date

Info Spec (Fgn Brdcast),
GS-11, Saigon Bureau

Info Spec (Fgn Brdcast),
GS-11, Editorial Branch

29 January 1953

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5. Other:

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Tele. Typwr Opr, GS-5
East Coast Bureau

Maternity Leave

27 February 1953

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Info Spec (Fgn Brdcast),
GS-7, Editorial Branch

L.W.O.P.

27 February 1953

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6. Summary:

<u>Organizational Segment</u>	<u>AMERICAN</u>		<u>NATIVE</u>		<u>E.O.D.</u>	<u>TERM. REASSIGNMENTS</u>		<u>PROMOTIONS</u>
	<u>Auth.</u>	<u>Ceiling</u>	<u>O.D.</u>	<u>In Proc.</u>		<u>From</u>	<u>To Within</u>	
Departmental								
East Coast Bureau								
West Coast Bureau								
Tokyo								
Hokkaido								
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London Bureau								
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Acting Chief, FBID

27 February 1953

Acting Administrative Officer, FBID

Notes for Monthly Progress Report - February 1953

1. The FBID East Coast Bureau Table of Organization was increased by one custodian position.

2. A re-evaluation of the remaining FY 1953 Budget and a review of the FY 1954 Budget was completed and revision submitted.

3. The Chief, FBID and Administrative Officer departed 21 and 19 February respectively on the first leg of their inspection trip.

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